

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please cancel Claims 31-46

Please add the following Claims 47-59.

Claims 1-46 (canceled)

Claims

47. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide which is critical for survival and growth of the yeast *Candida albicans* and which nucleic acid molecule is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8 or SEQ ID NO: 9.

48. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide which is critical for survival and growth of the yeast *Candida albicans* and which nucleic acid molecule is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 3.

49. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide which is critical for survival and growth of the yeast *Candida albicans* and which nucleic acid molecule is selected from the group consisting of SEQ. ID NO: 1 or SEQ. ID. NO: 2.

50. (New) The nucleic acid molecule of Claim 47 which is DNA.

51. (New) An antisense molecule comprising a nucleic acid capable of hybridizing to an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide which is critical for survival and growth of the yeast *Candida albicans* wherein the nucleic acid molecule is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8 or SEQ ID NO: 9.

52. (New) Isolated host cells containing an isolated DNA nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide which is critical for survival and growth of the yeast *Candida albicans* and which nucleic acid molecule is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8 or SEQ ID NO: 9, wherein said cells are bacterial or eukaryotic.

53. (New) A recombinant DNA construct comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide which is critical for survival and growth of the yeast *Candida albicans* and which nucleic acid molecule is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8 or SEQ ID NO: 9, wherein the nucleic acid molecule is DNA.

54. (New) A recombinant DNA construct comprising the antisense molecule of Claim 51.

55. (New) A recombinant DNA construct according to claim 53 wherein said recombinant DNA construct is an expression vector.

56. (New) The construct according to claim 55 which comprises an inducible promoter.

57. (New) The construct according to claim 55 which comprises a sequence encoding a reporter molecule.

58. (New) Isolated host cells containing a recombinant DNA construct comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide which is critical for survival and growth of the yeast *Candida albicans* and which nucleic acid molecule is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8 or SEQ ID NO: 9, wherein said cells are bacterial or eukaryotic.

59. (New) The nucleic acid molecule according to claim 47 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, excipient or buffer.